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Rhelda Randle Shabazz, is the Division Chief of Youth Development Services for the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The Youth Development Services division provides Independent Living Program (ILP) services, Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP), Transitional Housing Program (THP), Housing Preventive Initiative (HPI), Transitional Housing Program-Plus, Scholarships and Job Development services for transition age youth (TAY) in DCFS and Probation foster care.

Rhelda has been employed with DCFS for over twenty years and has served the department in a variety of positions: Assistant Regional Administrator, Family Preservation Program manager and Interim Division Chief. In addition, Ms. Shabazz chairs the Child Welfare Directors (CWDA) ILP Subcommittee in Sacramento; and is actively involved in an ILP Breakthrough Series Collaborative to address gaps in TAY services, improve access to services and increase partnerships with community partners and other County Departments and stakeholders.

Rhelda earned a Bachelors of Arts from the University of California at Santa Barbara in Communication Studies and a Master of Arts in Education-Counseling from Loyola Marymount University .